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EYES UPON: Texas Con Scene

DALComments: An Apostrophe by Guy Hail

In April of this year I learned there was to be a convention in Dallas. DALCON'81 had a heavy emphasis on fantasy role-playing games, giving away \$200 cash and a trip to GENCON XIV in prizes to winning teams. But the convention organizers also scheduled Diplomacy sessions.

We (my wife Libby & I) had intended to pre-register and save a few dollars, but we knew we could not attend the opening evening of the convention, because that Friday was bonus day at work, and we needed the money to pay for the trip to the convention. I wrote to DALCON and asked what the starting times were for the Diplomacy sessions and they replied with (in a letter received June 1) their preconvention literature which lacked start times.

Well, we decided to take a chance and drive to Dallas Friday evening, June 5; Dallas isn't far away, only about $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. We arrived two hours before the convention would close for the night and the staff graciously allowed us to wander through the thinning ranks of gamers to see what struck our fancy. I asked a staff organizer why no start times were sent out in their publicity. He replied that until the last minute Richland College wanted the con to close at 10 pm (it eventually stayed open till midnight).

Then I asked about Diplomacy sessions. The staffer I spoke to asked my name and remembered my postcard about the start times (he even had it at the door!). He explained only fourteen players had signed up for the 1st round (Friday night, which we missed), and fourteen for the 2nd round Saturday morning (not all the same players as Friday evening's list). Because we did not want to be 15th & 16th on the list when 14 made two full boards, I asked how we could be accommodated. He replied that since Italy had no chance to win, only 6-player boards were being offered (and not all 14 had shown up on Friday). Thus, on Saturday only 5- and 6-man boards would be played.

Still undecided about whether or not to attend the next day, my Libby & I wandered to the room where Diplomacy was being played. One game had finished by concession as we entered, and on the other board LSD's own Mark Johnson (1981A) was doing well as Turkey. Mark was keeping the diplomacy time periods on his watch (!), and the players were discussing if a particular move succeeded. There was no GM.

The prospect of spending \$50+ in lodging, food, and convention fees to play on a 5-man board without a GM was most discouraging, and we returned to Austin the same night. I'll go again next year (because the staffer promised a con lasting until 2 am), and I'd like to thank the DALCON staff for being very nice to me and my wife, and for putting on the con (but better luck next year), and an "I'm sorry" to everyone who expected me to be there.

[Guy & Libby Hail publish *THE GREAT WAR IN MODERN MEMORY*, a zine devoted to 15- and 30-day deadline games of Diplomacy, among other multiplayer games, at 1103B Lorroin; Austin, TX 78703.]

NANCON 88-IV: An LSD Preview

We are not sure what the 88 stands for, but NANCON is one of this region's up-and-coming cons, from all that we've heard. Held July 31-August 2 by Nan's Game Headquarters, 118 Briargrove Center; 6100 Westheimer; Houston, TX 77057, it features D&D, Squad Leader, and The Fantasy Trip, plus about a dozen other minor tournaments. Unfortunately, a Diplomacy tournament will not be held, because it takes up too much time and space for the revenue it brings in, according to one organizer. That means we probably won't be there unless we have other business in Houston that weekend. Admission is \$10 before July 18 and \$15 after. Write for more details.

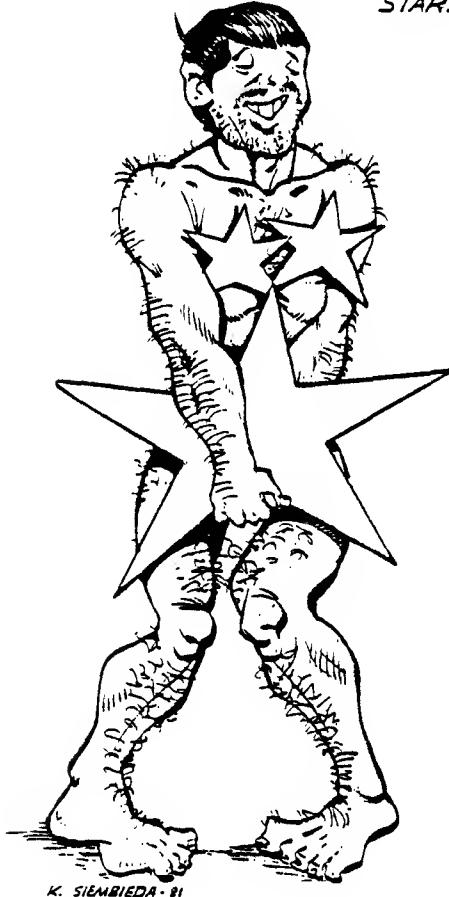


71. ANTONIO DEL POLLAIUOLO. *Martyrdom of Saint Sebastian*. Completed 1475. Tempera on panel. 3'7" x 6'8". National Gallery, London

ORIGINS OF DIPLOMACY: The LSD Archivist has discovered this fifteenth century painting by Antonio del Pollaiuolo which depicts an example of the dilemma of the German player. In this case the player, a certain Sebastian, is stabbed by all five of his neighbors, and even the Turkish player helped by reloading the crossbows.

★ ROUNDUP of Texas & International News

BLACK JACKIE MASTERS
OUR SHINING
STAR!



STAR OF THE MONTH. Jeri Overby gets the prize for submitting this month's star, a picture of the leading candidate for 'Black Jack' Master Hobby Queen contest: Black Jack himself. LSD has received a few letters from supporters of other candidates, but lack of space prevents their material from being published here. The nominators include LSD readers Bobby Stephens, Jeff Albrecht, and Lanny Meyers. (By the way Lanny is a collector of trading cards of all types and will buy, sell, or trade. Write to him at 6609 Horseshoe Road; Clinton, MD 20735.)

FABULOUS 2ND ANNISH. No matter what he calls it, Dick Martin's 2nd anniversary issue of his zine (titled GRAB DOTS again this time) will keep his readers busy for quite some time. Send him four or five stamps for a sample of this 67-page tome, which contains dozens of articles, from the ridiculous to the sublime, parts X-XII of his series on famous historical documents, contests, variants, surveys, plugs, games, and a bunch more. I've only managed to read about 2/3 of the monster, but I keep it by my bedside for something to make me sleepy each night. Dick now resides at the old homestead: 26 Orchard Way N.; Rockville, MD 20854.

4000 A.D. Mike Whitty is working on a postal adaptation of the 4-player Canadian game of strategic space warfare, played on a 3-dimensional array with hidden movement. If you are interested in playing 4000 A.D., drop a card to 12358 Longworth; Houston, TX 77024, and let me know if you'd like to see it in LSD.

LIGHTNING STRIKES. The bolt of lightning on the front page of Bruce Linsey's VOICE OF DOOM #40 marks a special issue devoted to comprehensive reviews of his ten favorite zines. This is another issue worth sending to 24A Quarry Drive; Albany, NY 12205 especially since LSD ranks #6 on Linsey's Hit Parade, and he has lots of nice things to say about it (all true, of course). Actually, with polls and ratings in fashion, several other publishers have been granting their awards to various zines and hobby personalities. Not to be outdone, look for the 2nd annual War Stars Awards in LSD's anniversary issue coming this Sept. Readers are encouraged to contribute to this gala issue, as well.

PRESSING MATTERS. LSD will print press conditional on results of the current season, since this makes it fresher and more relevant. Gray press is anonymous. Thus, Belgium can be used as a spring 1901 dateline, since it is sure to be neutral until fall at least. But if there's a chance that a neutral SC (or sea province) will become occupied, then pick another origin or use the Gray Press Bureau (GPB) dateline.

MOVING RIGHT ALONG. Please be sure your new address is written somewhere inside your letter, not only on the envelope. If you don't get an issue of LSD within two weeks after the game deadline, call me, and I'll send another off to you. You can also call to find out game results, but give me until Sunday noon to be sure all games have been adjudicated. Finally, if you want to take a leave of absence from your game you can 1) submit orders and resign, 2) appoint a stand-in (of your own choice or from my standby list) until you return, 3) negotiate with the GM for another option. Surrendering control to another player is not permitted.

PLUG TIMES. Readers of Marion Bates' fine zine PLAGUE TIMES were saddened to hear that he had been hospitalized, and it seemed that his choice of zine name was prophetic. Some good friends helped get issue #6 in the mail, but a recent letter to his readers apologized that #7 will be delayed. Marion said he is committed to regular and timely publishing, and will continue PT as soon as possible. It's to his great credit that he notified his readership. Contrast the long unexplained delay of THE WHITE DUKE, published by Steve Shaddix of 5486 Butano Way; Rocklin, CA 95677. In his #4, which arrived here on June 12, Steve says he delayed its publication because his copy level was low and he wanted to give readers a better issue, so he decided to wait. The long absence of TWD naturally gave rise to speculation about its folding. Fortunately it hasn't, but better communication between pubber and subber would've prevented the rumors in the first place. At any rate, it's worth sampling, so send Steve a couple of stamps. And by the way, get-well correspondence can be sent to Marion Bates; P.O. Box 381; Kalkaska, MI 49646.

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Heart O'Texas Orphanage

1979 HS **Armadillo** F 1907NOR GHOD, NOR ALLAH, NOR ALL THE
KING'S MEN SAVE TURKS, ENGLISH

§ It wasn't an act of Ghad, it was GM error that transformed the dislodged Turkish unit from an army to a fleet. As we see below, even the fleet could not save the drowning Sultan X.

AUSTRIA (Mark Larzelere): A Bul-Ser [ds1, ann], A GRE s A Bul-Ser.

ENGLAND (Craig Williams): F Edi s German F Nth [ds1, ret to Yor or dsb], F ENG-Lon.

FRANCE (Larry Boudon): A Tun-MAR, F LYO & F WES c A Tun-Mar, A GAS s A Tun-Mar, A PAR-Bre, F MID-Bre.

GERMANY (Doug Tatsch): A BUR-Par, A RUH-Bur, A BEL & A MUN s A Ruh-Bur, F PIC s English F Eng-Bre [nsol], F Nth-LON, A Swe-DEN.

ITALY (John Koehler): A PIE s German A Bur-Mar [nsol], A ALB-Gre, A SER s A Alb-Gre, A TRI s A Ser, F Adr-ION, F TRH-Lyo.

RUSSIA (John Daly): A Stp-Nwy, A Cly-EDI, F NWG s A Cly-Edi, F WAL s German F Nth-Lon, F Con-BUL(sc), A RUM s F Con-Bul(sc), A UKR s A Rum, F Bla-CON, A SMY s F Bla-Con.

TURKEY (Bern Sampson): F Aeg-Con [nsu, but nice try, Sultan].

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1907 adjustments:

A: Gre, Bul	1/even [1 ann]
E: Lon, Edi	0/out
F: Home, Por, Spa, Tun	6/even
G: Home, Hol, Bel, Den, Swe, LON	8/build 1
I: Home, Tri, Vie, Bud, SER	7/build 1
R: Home, Nwy, Lpl, EDI, Rum, BUL, Ank, Smy, CON	12/build 3
T: Con	0/out

§ A GIR draw has been proposed. Votes will be tabulated before winter builds. NVR = yes.

§ To the valiant defenders (and losers) Craig & Bern LSD sends its famous and much-desired armadillo bumper sticker, plus 3 complimentary issues for good measure.

PRESS--

SULTAN-IN-EXILE X: (Somewhere in the Aegean) Stories of my demise have been greatly exaggerated. I shall fight to the bitter end. Death to the Tsar! BULGARIA: Goodbye, Bernie S. Though I never knew you at all, you had the grace to hold yourself while those around you crawled.

MALTA: The Pro-Italian Maltese People (PIMP) today announce the first annual Kentucky Fried Falcon Dinner to raise money for the beloved Italian Kingdom and Vatican State. According to reports, Italy will soon be expanding her armed forces significantly.

PAR-LON: You might get better results if you don't attack someone without warning.

PAR-BER: You are logical and rational, flawlessly so in the short run. However, you are blind and careless in the long run. You may win the battle but you will lose the war--count on it! Open your eyes before someone pokes them out!

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Victory has a hundred fathers, but defeat is an orphan.

--Count Galeazzo Ciano

1979 HT **Bluebonnet**

S 1908

TURKEY, FRANCE FACE FALL FRACAS;
KING G ASSUMES SUPPORTING ROLE

§ Turkey's attack F Nap-Rom not only daes not stand off the supported Italian attack, the Neapolitan fleet is annihilated. Therefore in winter 1907 Italy and Turkey are even, though the Sultan can build a unit to replace the annihilated fleet. He builds A Con. Germany, who played 1 short last year, builds A Kie.

FRANCE (Dave Ohlendorf): F NTH-Ska, F Nwy-BAR, F WES-Trh, F Lyo-TUS, F Spa(sc)-LYO, A NAF-Tun, A PIE-Ven, A MAR-Pie,

GERMANY (Dick Martin): F NWY s French F Nth-Ska, A SWE s F Nwy, A DEN s Russian F Ska-Swe [nsa & imp anyway!], A KIE s A Mun, A BER s A Mun, A MUN s A Ber, F BAL s A Ber, A TYO-Vie.

ITALY (Tony Auxier): A ROM s French A Pie-Ven, A NAP s A Rom.

RUSSIA (Bob Peacock): A STP-Nwy, F SKA s A Stp-Nwy, A LVN-Pru, A PRU-Sil, A SIL-Boh, A BOH-Vie, F RUM h.

TURKEY (Charles Cunningham): F Ven-APU, A TRI-Ven, F ADR s A Tri-Ven, A SER-Tri, A BUL-Ser, A CON-Bul, F TUN s F Trh, F TRH s F Tun, F ION s F Tun.

§ Two draws have been proposed: FCRT & FCIRT. NVR = yes.

PRESS----

KG-LSD: How about calling this turn "Germany Assumes Supporting Role"?

LSD-KING: Done.

KG-RUSSIAN F SKA: Russian dogs? Prepare to die? Please?

BER-ROM: I've got news--the old "Prepare to die" trick doesn't work well any more. What a shame. PS--Sorry, but I'd already given that build away. Maybe next time?

ROME-KING GERBIL: Whew!!!

KG-POPE ANTONIO: Hmm...I think you're doing this backwards. You are supposed to let your opponent into your capital first. I don't know how it goes if your capital is the last center to go. Perhaps you could write that chapter?

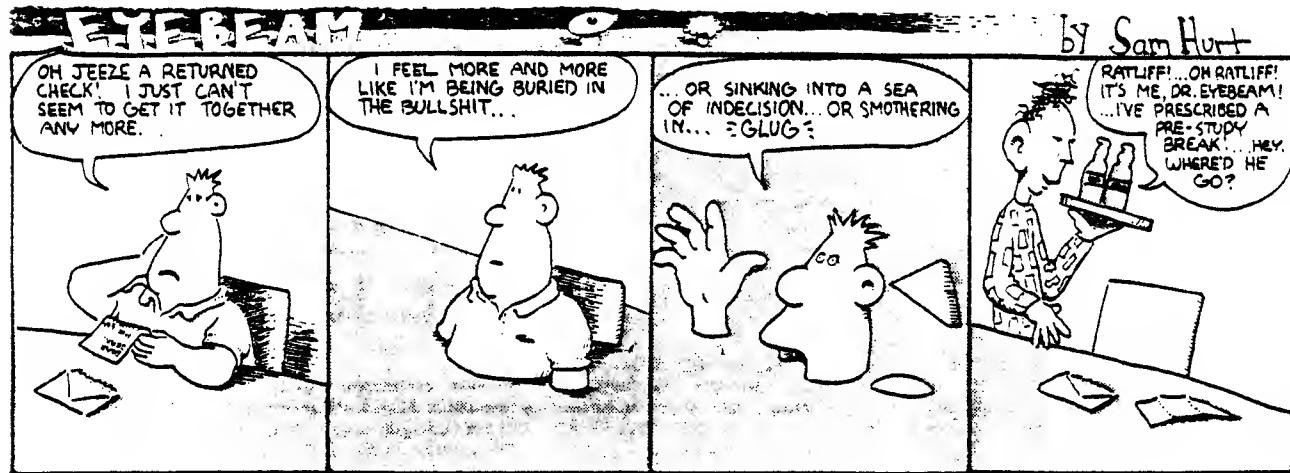
VATICAN-EUROPE: Thousands of French Catholics stormed across the border to save Il Papa from the Turks. When news of the Turkish defeat near Naples was announced, people ran through the streets shouting "God save the King!" Church bells pealed jubilantly.

KING GERBIL-POPE ANTONIO: I hear and must obey! But I think I'll pass on your offer of Ven. I have bigger game to hunt.

NAPLES-EUROPE: The horrors of numerous atrocities committed by the Turks in their short stay will be released as soon as they are verified. They should serve as a warning to others.

GERMANY-RUSSIA: What's wrong with you? What do you think this game is all about? You think this is WWI and trench warfare or something?

79HT KING GERBIL-80IZ & 79HS TURKIES: Don't consider what just happened a build and an elimination, just call it a "shifting of resources from one game to another". How did you do that anyway?



Post Office of Texas

Dear Mike:

I was looking at a road map of Texas the other day, planning a hypothetical road trip to Colorado, when my eyes came to rest on a small dot labeled Turkey, Texas. This small town (population about 612, according to the Texas Almanac) is up in the Panhandle east of Amarillo. Recalling the names of Texas towns like Paris, Moscow and Italy, I was amazed by the number of Texas town names that could be found on the Diplomacy board.

Suddenly I had an idea for a CONTEST! And LSD would be the perfect place for it.

The rules: find as many place-names in the United States which can also be found printed on a standard DIPLOMACY board. The U.S. place name could be off by as much as one letter if it was clear that it was named after the European place. Example: Iraan, TX, is not disqualified for its extra "a". Of course, it's not on the DIPLOMACY board, so you could use it as an example without giving one away.

Here are most of the towns I've been able to come up with:

Edinburg, TX	Buda, TX (½ point)	Turkey, TX
Italy, TX	Athens, TX (another example, doesn't count)	
Paris, TX	Naples, TX	Clyde, TX
Moscow, TX		

Texas would certainly win by state, because of wider ranges of immigrants.

England, Ark.	Piedmont, Missouri	Holland, Michigan
Livonia, MI	Norway, MI and Maine	Finland, Minn.
Kiel, Wis.	Berlin, Wisc. & N.H.	Vienna, Ill. & W. Virg.
Lyons, N.Y. (?)	Greece, NY	Rome, NY
Warsaw, W. Virg.	Sebastopol, CA	Russian River, CA
St. Petersburg, Fla.	Smyrna, Tenn.	London, Ontario

Including Canada might be a good idea, although London was the only one I found.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Whitty

[Looks like you've done all the atlas work, Mike. Perhaps some other readers can come up with additions to your list.]



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Cactus

S 1904

**TSAR'S TSTAB PARALYZES KAISER,
LEAVES EUROPE ALMOST SPEECHLESS!**

§ Autumn 1903: Italy retreats A Vie-Boh and A Tri-Tyo.

§ Winter 1903: Austria removes F Tri; Italy removes A Pie and A Boh; Russia builds A Mos and A War; Turkey builds F Smy.

AUSTRIA (Steve Cartier): F Adr-APU.
 ENGLAND (David Pierce): F Lpl-NAO, F Eng-IRI, F BEL-Eng, F Nth s F Bel-Eng.
 FRANCE (Gregg Fritz): A PIC-Bel, A BUR s A Pic-Bel, A GAS s A Bur, F BRE-Eng, F MID s F Bre-Eng.
 GERMANY (Charles Cunningham): A RUH-Bur, A MUN s A Ruh-Bur, A KIE-Ruh, A HOL-Bel, F DEN h.
 ITALY (James Lawniczak): A Rom-VEN, A TYO s A Rom-Ven, F Trh-ION, F TUN s F Trh-Ion.
 RUSSIA (Bob Sergeant): A Bud-TRI, A VIE & A SER s A Bud-Tri, A Gal-SIL, A War-PRU, A Mos-WAR, F RUM h, F Swe-BAL, A Fin-SWE, F NWY s A Fin-Swe.
 TURKEY (Bern Sampson): F EAS-Ion, F Aeg-GRE, F Smy-AEG, A Bul-CON, A Gre-BUL.

§ PRESS--

WALSH RAREBIT: It is being rumored on the island that the wife of the French President is once again creating domestic discord. It seems she has left Paris for Marseilles where she is waiting with open (ch)arms to encounter the best of Italian manhood.

LON-79HT KING GERBIL: It is obvious you have never received one of France's provocative, screwed-up letters. Fritz speaks with a forked and nasty tongue.

LSD-DAVE: Thanks for the press. Since you were the only one to submit any, you deserve a reward--have a complimentary issue of LSD (I know, big deal).

LSD-EUROPE: How about just one or two lines apiece next time. It's not a lot to ask, is it?



"and if you continue to ignore our generous free offer, it will be necessary for us to charge you a nominal refusal fee..."

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NOSTALGIA. If you are like me, you prefer the one-piece Diplomacy board published in the GRI version. Mike Whitty says that you can order the Canadian edition which features that style set for \$21.90 postpaid from Waddington's House of Games Limited; 75 West Drive; Bramalea, Ontario L6T 2J6. Ask for #405. He says, "The set is like the old one, and includes French rules. I sent off for it with my check on May 2 and received it May 27, so 4 weeks would be a good estimate of delivery time." Thanks for the info, Mike.

MORE PLUGHS. Another new Canadian zine has appeared: SNAFU. Ronald Brown; RR#1, Brennan's Hill; Low, Quebec, J0X 2C0 is responsible for some excellent writing in a sharp looking format. Besides regular Diplomacy, Ronald has openings in Fred Davis' Conquest of the New World II and an Irish variant called Scotice Scripti III. Even if you are not looking for a game, you should check this one out...."I'm back again!" was the note written on the latest issue of Eric Ozog's DIPLOMACY BY MOONLIGHT. I think he has openings for \$5 plus postage: regular, black press, an Air-Sea variant, and maybe more. Send sample requests to 1526 N. Lawler Ave.; Chicago, IL 60651.

FAKERY. VOICE OF DOOM, BRUTUS BULLETIN, and SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS have been faked recently, if I'm not mistaken. I'm not sure because my filing system has gone berserk and I can't find any of them. You might try writing to Gary Coughlan, Jack Masters, the Caruso-Byrne Syndicate, Bobby Stephens, and/or Steve Langley, among others, who have all been suspected of one or more of these efforts.

TIGHT SQUEEZE. That's the story around here until one or two of LSD's games wind up. I'm determined not to increase the size of the zine, so I'll just have to hold onto all the good material you kind readers have submitted. But don't stop sending in your articles, jokes, and puzzlers. I'll eventually find room for them.

NMR INSURANCE. Albrecht, Boudon, Cunningham, Daly, Ditter, Fritz, Giddings, Hail, Hamlin, Henry, King, Koehler, Kuhn, Luedi, Martin, Mayes, Peacock, Pierce, Porteney, Reed, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Smith, Stephens, Tatsch, & Williams.

STANDBYS. Donaldson, Fritz, Füg, Hancock, Hartman, Henry, Jewett, Kador, King, Langley, Larzelere, McLendon, McPherren, Mills, Nichols, Olsen, Pierce, Ridenour, Sampson, Scheifler, Schleinkofer, Sergeant, Stevens, Tatsch, Van Wie, Williams, & Woodson.

MAILING LIST. Add Cindy & John Ellis; 3414 Hollywood; Austin, TX 78722.

ARMADILLO cont. from p. 3

BER-LON: Sweden is fine (especially in the fall!), but Texas is the pits in the spring: last year in June, 100° temps throughout the month, this year, rain & floods for most of the month. A lot of Texans are beginning to believe maybe the Russians are fooling around with the weather!

ROME: The Italian Government today welcomed the coming of a new age to Europe with the victory of the Russo-Italian Expeditionary forces in the Balkans and Turkey. The ministry of defense warned that any nation making hostile actions toward the Russian state would also have to deal with the now not inconsiderable force of the Italian Kingdom.



1980 KG **Derrick** F 1903

**AI! ALLIANCE ATTACKS ANATOLIA;
ANGLO-SAXONS ANGER ALL!**

§ Summer 1903: Russia retreats A Gal-Ukr.

AUSTRIA (Ned Nichols): F Aeg-SMY, A BUL-Con, A Gal-RUM, A BUD & A SER s A Gal-Rum, A Tri-VIE.

ENGLAND (Jack Smith): F Lpl-CLY, A Edi-NWY, F NTH c A Edi-Nwy, F Stp-BAR, A HOL-Kie, F Eng h [ds], ret to Lon, Wol, Irl, Pic, or dsb].

FRANCE (Bobby Stephens): F Bre-ENG, F MID s F Bre-Eng, A MUN s English A Hol-Kie [ds], ret to Ruh, Boh, Tyo, or dsb], A BEL wonders if France will have any allies in 1904 [h], A BUR s A Bel, A Gas-PAR.

GERMANY (Al Giddings): A Ber-MUN, A SIL s A Ber-Mun, A KIE s A Ber-Mun, F DEN & F BAL s A Kie.

ITALY (Mark Luedi): F EAS & A SYR s Austrian F Aeg-Smy, F GRE s Austrian A Bul, A VEN h.

RUSSIA (David Pierce): F SEV s Turkish F Rum, A War-GAL, A UKR s A War-Gal.

TURKEY (Mike Henry): A SMY h [ds], ret to Arm or dsb], A ANK s A Smy, A CON-Bul, F RUM s A Con-Bul.[ds], ret to Blo or dsb].

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1903 adjustments:

A: Home, Bul, Ser, RUM, Gre, SMY	7/build 1
E: Home, Nwy, Stp, Bel, HOL	6/even
F: Home, Por, Spa, Mun, BEL	6/even
G: Kie, Ber, MUN, Den, Swe, Hol	5/even
I: Home, Tun, GRE	5/build 1
R: Mos, War, Sev	3/even
T: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul	2/remove 2

§ COA: *Bobby Stephens, 1721 Oakwood,
Ft. Worth, TX 76117*

§ PRESS--

PARIS: Due to uncertainties involving present alliance structures the French government has requested the German government to resume control of the Munich province. It is hoped this gesture will open new vistas for negotiation between France and her neighbors.

BER-PAR: Gee thee behind me, Satan!

HERR DOKTOR-MR. BOBBY: So the truth has finally surfaced. You're jealous because Jean Marie named her new zine in honor of my orange French fleets. Or so she says. The fact of the matter is that my navel is actually orange! Now get the hell outta Munich and you can have her back.

LSD-DOK: He'd rather have her front.

TUNIZ: Zcientiztz at the Univerzity of Tuniz continue to be baffled by the zeriez of intelligent (quazi-intelligent, anyway) mezzages emanating from wezt of here in the Zahara Dezert. Zome theoriez zuggezt the prezenze of extraterrezztrial beings, possiblly molarz or inzizorzh zent by an alien dentizt-being. An expedition to inveztigate the zourzez of the Min-Miniztry-bound communicationz will be zent out az zoon as possibl.

ROMA-TUNIZ: It's M-I-N-I-S-T-R-Y until we change it! Beware: you're overreaching your bounds; you may be dealt with.

MOS-CON: Please inform the Kaiser of the conditions which must be met before the Tsar will agree to re-establish communications between Russian and Germany.

PAR-MOS: Watch out! It will be the kiss of death.

FRANCE-ITALY: If you had listened to Russia, I'd still be in Munich. Right, David?

ROMA-NAF: Wisdom teeth?

ROMA: A large stockpile of the popular Bavarian Brew beer has been uncovered in the basement of this country's Ministry building. When asked about the cache of imported beer, Prime Minister Alfredo Loudini replied, "#4**\$@3&...."

ROMA: The Italian government wishes to apologize for certain irresponsible members of the printed press. Please disregard the previous press release, as it was construed by a certain emotionally distraught reporter. In no way was the honorable Prime Minister involved in any misconduct.

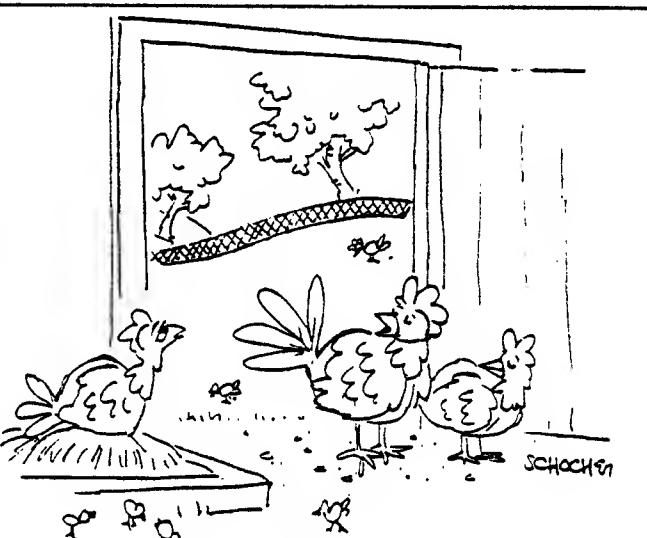
NAT-EUROPE: Several French warships have been spotted cruising just south of here in the Mid-Atlantic. In itself this is nothing new. The odd thing is that these ships have been painted a blinding orange. Among those identified are the light cruisers "Jean-Marie" and "Corfeld" plus the full dreadnaught "Proskin".

VENICE DAILY NEWS: (Oct. 23, 1903) Newspapers across the nation have threatened to strike in the wake of last week's scandal in the capitol, Roma. Apparently, the reporter about to leak information concerning an illegal cache of Bavarian Brew beer is being held in a dungeon beneath the Ministry. The press of Italy demands justice!

UKR-VIE: The Russian forces could no longer stand the smell of the Galician air and decided to vacate their positions for a brief breather. However, they shall return!

BERLIN: Secret French orders were intercepted recently revealing an order to all French troops in regards to their misuse of "privvy" privileges. All troops were ordered to only use the "potty" once a day, that being at 6:45 am. At precisely 6:46 am today the Kaiser's personal storm troopers caught the frogs with their pants down and routed them from Munich amidst laughing and jeering Munich citizens.

ZYRIA: Zeneral El Zappo, ztill vacationing in this modezt resort, zuffered a zevere case of Cozmic Bluez when he heard of ze imminent prezz ztrike in Italy. "Zho zwill zument zmy zgallant zexploitz?" he yelled in anger at his former chief of ztaff (may be zest in peaze). "Zhow zwill zmy zmother know zher zon iz alive and zfighting?" Meanwhile, film director Angelo Ferimetti haz taken an interezt in ze zeneral, embellishing him on the zilver zcreen. Among the film clipz iz an epizode zhowing ze zeneral zitting at a Turkizh defenzive pozition. In rezponze, ze Turkz zpat back. "Long live zelluloid!"



"We've decided not to have eggs."

1981 A **Enchanted Rock** S 1903KING DAVE BUCKLES BELGIAN SWASH
AS LPL FALLS TO FRENCH FORCE

§ Let's set the record straight, already! It was Jim Keith who resigned the British position which Dave Grabar now assumes. Apologies to Jack Smith, who is an innocent bystander.

§ Autumn 1902: England retreats A Bel-Ruh.

§ Winter 1902: Austria builds A Bud; England removes F Bar; France builds A Mar; Germany removes F Bal; Russia builds A War & A Mos.

AUSTRIA (Fred Winter): A TRI h, A Bud-RUM, A Vie-GAL, A MUN-Bon, F Alb-ION, A BUL's A Bud-Rum, F AEG's Russian F Con-Smy *[nsa]*, F Alb-ION.

ENGLAND (Dave Grabar): F Eng-BEL, F NTH & A RUH's F Eng-Bel.

FRANCE (William Owen): A Bre-LPL, F IRI & F MID c A Bre-Lpl, A Pic-BRE, A Bel-BUR, A MAR-Pie.

GERMANY (Thomas Hancock): A Den-KIE, A HOL's A Den-Kie, A SIL-Boh, A Pru-BER.

ITALY (Guy Hail): F Ion-TRH, F WES-Mid, A PIE-Mar, A TYO-Pie.

RUSSIA (Dan Stafford): A Syr-Smy *[dsi, ann]*, F Con-ANK, F Rum-SEV, A WAR-Boh, F Nwy-NWG, A Stp-NWY, A Mos-STR, F Swe-SKA.

TURKEY (Mark Johnson): A Smy-SYR, A ARM s A Smy-Syr.

§ PRESS--

ROME-WORLD: All game I had been negotiating with y'all, but negotiation in Enchanted Rock appears to be a one-way street! I understand Herr Doktor makes housecalls to those of you with broken hands, but it is already too late for me. The Great King-Emperor Fritz the J may abandon/stab me in an effort to win the game (or he may not), but I'm going with someone who'll write over the rest of you (excepting only France) who expect me to 1) know what you want by telepathy, 2) don't write or haven't written since January, or 3) write asking for my aid and not offering me anything when you get in trouble. Haven't you heard of preemptive war?

ROM-VIE: One way or another, I'm yours (ally) to the end.

NEW ALAMO (Republic of Texas): The French Ambassador complained to the League of American States here that "with no explanation or warning, Italy has violated a treaty of non-aggression signed in 1901 by massing troops in the Piedmont and sending her navy toward the Atlantic, where no Italian has any business except to war against France! This is unacceptable, the Italians must turn back!!"

ROM-PAR: I took your suggestion and allied with Austria-Hungary. Didn't he tell you that part of the deal was that I move west? He demanded it, in fact. Doesn't heed me in Turkey. One consolation, though: Germany may go first, and England is surely yours.

LONDON: [Jim Keith] sure made a mess of England. Maybe France will talk with me for peace.

LONDON: A drastic position calls for drastic measures!

ROM-LON: Please?!

REYKJAVIK: To the astonishment of Her Majesty's government, the King of England today arrived in Iceland to take up residence as King Hermit of a small cavern known as Oglajoma. Her Royal Majesty was most surprised that her husband should suddenly abandon the throne to her brother-in-law, because for

the past two years King Keith has been in a monastery in Wales wherein he had taken a vow of non-communication, refusing to speak to all, especially non-Brits. It appears that all previous correspondence between the King and the outside world was made by a politically illiterate monk who claimed to have received the King's diplomatic wishes by thought-transference.

ROM-LSD: Thanks for the extra page.

LSD-GUY: Y'all (you & Libby) are welcome.

TERAMO-BELGRADE: Do they have cow-chip throwing in your district, too?

BERLIN: The winter of 1902 was a hard one. With the loss of Munich, where we happen to brew the world's best beer, we couldn't supply our only fleet. The Kaiser was quoted as saying, "I hope the Austrians enjoy their visit, because it won't last long!!"

VIE-BUD: Why is the Hungarian army occupying Vienna?

BUD-VIE: To get to the other side, perhaps?

VIE-BUD: (Quatsch! Dummkopf Hungarian!!) No! No! No! To prove that we are occupied, just like Munich, so Germany shouldn't be angry.

BUD-VIE: Maybe they were hungry, being out of Hungary, and wanted to sample the Vienna sausage.

VIE-BUD: Are you trying to compete with the new Polish army in Warsaw? (or maybe in the Vatican?) AARDVARK NEWS SERVICE: An new hit song, to the tune of Gilbert & Sullivan's "When a Felon's Not Engaged in His Employment" (now playing in theaters in the Ruhr)--

When an Austro-Hungarian's not engaged in his employment

(chorus: His employment)

Of persuing his diplomatic little plans

(chorus: Little plans)

His capacity for innocent enjoyment

(chorus: 'cent enjoyment)

Is just as great as any honest man.

(chorus: Like the Russians?)

Oh, feelings Russians innocently smother

(chorus: Like Poles and Ukrainians)

While Austria & Hungary laugh only with one another.

(chorus: Not against)

Oh, take one consideration with another

(chorus: With another)

I'd rather just declare war than sTab

(chorus: Than sTab)

(chorus: La-de-da, de-da, de-da, de-da, de-da, la-de-da, Oh, I'd rather just declare war than sTab)

(bass chorus, one octave lower: Than make a sTab).

LSD-AARDVARK: Hope I got in all the de-das.

DUBLIN: The Irish terrorists holding Parliament released their prisoner today upon receiving promises from the new government of speedy independence for all of Ireland.

VIE-WAR: What would Lech W. or John P. (II) think if you all decided to change from a white wood block to purple? And then march on Moscow & build another purple block on Warsaw?

CALICIA: The recent bunch of army boys on leave is described as merely a result of peaceful European & Texan relations, together with the start of the Armadillo season in Southern Poland. Besides, it was reported that Russians were seen shooting aardvarks in the area.

DUBLIN: Flash!! French Troops Landed in Scotland.

VIE-BER: (via Mun & Boh) Austria's red & Germany's black./I made a mistake/When I stabbed you in the back./Hungary is red & Russia is white./Your plans would sound better/If you weren't so right(eous).





81 8 Friendship S 1903

FRENCH ABANDON PARIS, MADRID;
DESTROY BRITISH INVADERS

§ Winter 1902: England builds F Lon; France removes A Spa; Germany builds A Kie & F Ber; Italy builds F Nap; Russia removes F Rum.

AUSTRIA (Art Schleinkofer): A Vie-GAL, A BUD s A Vie-Gal, A SER-Bul, F GRE s A Ser-Bul, A TRI-Ser.

ENGLAND (Bryan Jurkowski): F Lon-ENG, F BRE-Mid (ds), annl, F NWG-Bar, F NTH-Nwy, A Nwy-FIN.

FRANCE (Arturo Guajardo): A Par-BRE, F GAS s A Par-Bre.

GERMANY (George Cunningham): A SWE s English A Nwy-Fin, A KIE h, F Ber-BAL, F BEL h,

A Bur-PAR, A PIC s A Bur-Par, A Mun-BUR.

ITALY (Paul Goodrich): F Lyo-SPA(sc), A MAR s F Lyo-Spa, F MID s F Lyo-Spa, F Nap-APU, A VEN h.

RUSSIA (Don Scheifler): F Ska-Nwy, A STP s F Ska-Nwy, F BAR s F Ska-Nwy, A Sev-UKR, A Gal-SIL.

TURKEY (Mike Drews): A BUL h, F AEG s A Bul, F Bla-SEV, A ARM s F Bla-Sev.

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§ PRESS--

PAR-LSD: "Hang in there!" Are you trying to be facetious?

LSD-PAR: Yes.

PAR-BER: Of course you haven't heard from me--I'm not talking to you. Your gain is my loss, I'm sure.

LON-MOS: Nuts? You only wish you had some.

DON-BRYAN: I must agree with you, the Tsar, and Stalin. But perhaps I will have learned something.

LON-STP: Did you hear about the dog whose tail was cut off by a lawn mower? It won't be long now!

MOS-LON: What's a southern strategy? Have you ever heard of revenge?

PARIS RADIO READER: We are pleased to announce to our faithful listeners that the capital has once again been restored to the city of light. (Aside) What's all that racket, Jaques? The boots of German stormtroopers? Er, dear listeners, wouldn't you rather have a capital near the sea? How does Bordeaux Bordeaux sound?

LON-PAR: May the new French government have a long life in Iberia!

PAR-LON, ROM, & MOS: You boys play rough!

PAR-EDITOR, ROME DAILY NEWS: Concerning your classifieds, your requirement for a trustworthy ally leaves out the British. Italy can't read or write, so that leaves me!

MOSCOW: I must open one of two doors. Which is it to oe? There is a tiger behind both!

VIE-STP: I am all for peace with you if you leave Galicia.

PAR-MOS: I didn't know the Bible Belt ran that far north.

MADRID-ROM: Come and get it! It's all yours!

PAR-NWY: I doubt that Rome needs much encouragement. Kick 'em when they're down seems to be the prevailing ethical code in Western Europe.

LON-ANK: I am glad our meetings in Liverpool were fruitful. On to Moscow and Death to the Russian scum!

PARIS RADIO READER: The dashing Frenchman pulled himself out of the dust, massaging his bruises tenderly and grinning at the three hooligans who moved around him menacingly. "How how would you like to come for me one at a time," he said with bravado.

PAR-NWY: Lafayette, where the hell are you?



1981 P Gulf Coast F 1902

RUSSIAN FLEET DELAYED IN TURKISH PORT AS ALLIANCE PUSHES WESTWARD

§ Summer 1902: Italy retreats A Ven-Rom.

AUSTRIA (Robert Jewett): A VEN h, A TYO s A Ven, A TRI-Bud, A VIE s A Tri-Bud, F Gre s Italian F Ion (ds), retreat to Alb or dsb).

ENGLAND (John Mayes): A Edi-HOL, F NTH c & F HEL s A Edi-Hol, F NWY s F Nth.

FRANCE (Luis Porteney): A Bur-MUN, A RUH s A Bur-Mun, A Gas-BUR, A MAR s A Gas-Bur, F Spa(sc)-LYO, F Mid-WES.

GERMANY (Gary Van Wie): A DEN h, F BEL-Hol, A Mun-Run (ds), ret to Kie, Ber, Sil, Boh, or dsb).

ITALY (Don Ditter): F ION-Aeg, F NAP-Ion, A ROM-Ven, A APU s A Rom-Ven.

RUSSIA (Garry Hamlin): A STP h, F Bot-BAL, F SWE s German A Den, A GAL s A Bud, A BUD s A Gal, F CON-Aeg.

TURKEY (James Williams): F EAS-Ion, F Aeg-GRE, A BUL & A SER s F Aeg-Gre.

SUPPLY CENTER STATUS for winter 1902 adjustments:

A: Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre, VEN	4/remove 1
E: Home, Nwy, HOL	5/build 1
F: Home, Spa, Por, Bel, MUN	6/even
G: Kie, Ber, Mun, Hol, BEL, DEN	4/build 1 (ployed 1 short)
I: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun	3/remove 1
R: Home, Swe, Rum, BUD, CON	8/build 2
T: Ank, Smy, Con, Bul, SER	4/even

§ PRESS--

ANKARA GLOBAL: "Turkish Fighting Forces Advance as Sultan Appoints New Commander"--Sultan Al Tuna, in a press conference today, announced that Dimitri Abdul Hubba Bubba has been named by the Sultan to assume command of all Turkish fighting units. This appointment comes as a result of the overwhelming success of Dimitri's previous command. In the past year and a half, after being appointed commander of the army stationed in Constantinople, Dimitri Abdul Hubba Bubba led his troops to easy victories in Bulgaria and Serbia, earning him the nickname "Dimmer" from his men. In the victory over the Austrian occupying forces in Serbia, "Dimmer" and his fighting Cons utterly routed the Austrians, sustaining no casualties in the process. This victory, along with victories by our Russian allies over Austria, should result in a surrender by the Austrian very shortly. In a short speech following his acceptance of his new command, "Dimmer" revealed what his plans will be to ensure the safety of Turkey, and further Turkish expansion to the west: "Our primary objective at the present time is to liberate Greece from the grip of Austria-Hungary. We are actually moving along those lines as I speak to you now. Once we have succeeded in Greece, we shall sail gloriously onward to Italy and destroy every carnation we see!"

LONDON TIMES: Weather forecasts for the Eastern Mediterranean region have been very strange as of late. Tempests, showers, and galestorms have been predicted, but heavy snowstorms have occurred, leaving a serene white coating on the land. Perhaps these predictors will get their facts together before they get totally snowed under.

ANK-MOS: Now that your entire fleet has been fed and satisfied by our Turkish women, it's time to move on to battle! Go on now! Okay! Time to leave, guys...guys...All right, just six more months and then you have to leave. I knew this was going to happen.

1981 CE Independence S 1901

WORLD AT WAR: GALICIA, BLACK SEA
BUMPS: CHANNEL SWIM: TYROL KNOT

AUSTRIA (Len Blasiol): A VIE-Gal, A Bud-SER, F TRI-Ven.
 ENGLAND (Joe Gallagher): F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH, A Lvp-YOR.
 FRANCE (Jim Meinel): A Par-PIC, A Mar-SPA, F Bre-ENG.
 GERMANY (Don Scheifler): F Kie-DEN, A Ber-KIE, A MUN-Tyo.
 ITALY (Doug Tatsch): A VEN-Tyo, A ROM-Ven, F Nap-ION.
 RUSSIA (Jeff Albrecht): F Stp(sc)-BOT, A Mos-STP, A WAR-Gal, F SEV-Bla.
 TURKEY (Cindy Seelke): A Con-BUL, A Smy-CON, F ANK-Bla.

§ We forgot to thank Len for suggesting the symbol for this game. It's found on highway signs which mark Texas' Independence Trail.

§ Conditional press is allowed.

§ PRESS--

FRANCE-ENGLAND: Due to the atrocious mail service across the Channel (dispatches to you not arriving apparently) the French President has ordered the battleship Bordeaux to personally deliver an alliance agreement to the Queen herself. The French Ambassador hopes to meet with Her Majesty sometime around Christmas.

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER: I'm so happy I could just shit.

CON-WORLD: We are pleased to announce the success of the palace revolt which left the most gracious Sultaness of Constantinople in charge of the Ottoman Empire. We realize these are uncertain times, and many decisions must be made. Should the Throne Room be redone in purple or gold? How should the furniture be rearranged in the Council Room? And what color schemes for the new uniforms? So that these difficult decisions can be made freely in peace, we extend our hand in friendship to all nations of the world, at least until the redecorating is done.

PAR-ANK: The French court would like to send the Sultaness 2 young, nubile French maidens as a token of friendship. Two Turks of the same gender returned would be greatly appreciated by the President.

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER-ITALIAN MINISTER OF WAR: let-ter (let' r) n. [ME. letter < OFr. < L. littera, letter of the alphabet, (in pl.) a letter, epistle] 1. A written or printed message to a person or group, usually sent by mail in an envelope.

ROM-ALL NATIONS: The lack of correspondence from the Vatican this season was due to an unusual glut of domestic crises that have kept the Pope away from the negotiating table recently--much to His Holiness' regret. The Pontiff is rapidly putting His house in order again, though, and foreign policy will be the main order of business next season. Italy stands by her early agreements and promises and will be contacting all governments promptly.

BER: The Kaiser accepts the invitations from His Holiness and the French President. Let us work for peace and the good of all Europe.

VERSAILLES-THE VATICAN: The people of France rejoice with the news of the Pope's expected recovery. As a token of appreciation for the blessings the Pope has bestowed upon the French people, one (1) real live, fire and brimstone Crusade will be launched, redeemable upon request, and targeted at your favorite infidel.

MARSEILLES: Rumors of a French delegation being sent to Corsica to talk peace with the Italians were met by large-scale demonstrations and rioting by shipworkers in this southern city. It was apparent that any agreement would sharply curtail shipbuilding in the area and result in the loss of jobs for many. The French President warned the workers against any acts of "sedition or worse". 6000 dockworkers, on hearing the President's comments, responded with 3000 peace signs.

FLANDERS: Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go....

ROM: All Italian army units were ordered to the Austrian border today in response to intelligence reports of possible Austrian aggression in the Tyrolia/Venice sector. This action is regrettable, as peace between Austria & Italy is greatly desired, but--in the words of our venerable Pontiff--"tis better to be safe than sorry". His Holiness will make a personal diplomatic appeal for peace to the Archduke when Italian diplomatic missions resume next season.

PAR-LON: C'mon now, I mean, he is the Pope.

PAR-VIE: Not that I don't have any faith in your defenses, but could you let my embassy staff know it's time to run home now?

VIENNA: A treacherous Italian plot uncovered by our agents in Rome has necessitated a pre-emptive strike against the Dago Dogs. (Hey, the Israelis do it all the time...). The first shipment of Venetian blinds is expected to arrive here any day.

GENEVA: Venetian citizens lined the canals by the thousands to cheer the arrival of the gondola armada bearing the liberating armies of Kaiser Franz-Joseph. One overjoyed local was heard to exclaim, "Who wants to be part of a country that's shaped like a boot, anyway?!"

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER-VIE: Well, if you can't trust a Marine Corps officer, who can you trust?

PAR-LON: The French Foreign Minister would like his suite with a southern window. Tea at one, a hot bath drawn at 4, and one of your cute little English pieces as an escort for the ball at the palace. Tell the Queen to dress formal.

ANK-SEV: We regret to inform you that while the tiles are being replaced in the Royal swimming pool, we will simply have to use the Black Sea for our swimming parties. We hope this doesn't inconvenience you too much. Perhaps you could find a small lake or two inland to use until the new pool is finished?

PAR-ANK: Dinner at eight would be nice, my palace or yours?

PAR-MOS: Keep up the good work.

PAR-BER: I am recalling my shipment of French wine to you until I receive the Bavarian brew you promised.

BUR-MUN: If it be war, then let it start here (but please don't mash the grapes).

PAR-BER: Beware of Englishmen bearing news of joy, for they are but foggy visions easily scattered by the winds, and shall leave you with memories of better times.

BER-VIE & SMY: One letter from each of you and then nothing. Have you gone into hiding with each other?

BERLIN: I have done as I said. Did anyone else?

GENEVA: The Swiss International Monitoring Program (SIMP) has picked up rumors of numerous European alliances. Neutral agents checking graffiti in facilities in all major capitols report the following coalitions may be forming: A/T, I/R, I/R/F, I/R/F/E (only target: Germany), F/G against E, F/E against G, and E/G against F. Finally, a reliable source reports that the current ruler of Turkey is so beside herself at all these rumors that she has allied with Italy, Russia, and Austria and will attack herself to save everyone the trouble.





81AU **Horned Toad** F 1901

MINOR BATTLES IN NOR, SWE, MAR, &
GRE TRIGGER FEARS OF WIDER WAR

AUSTRIA (Ted Kuhn): A Vie-GAL, F Alb-GRE, A SER s F Alb-Gre.
ENGLAND (Allen King): A Edi-NWY, F NWG c & F NTH s A Edi-Nwy.
FRANCE (James Woodson): A Mar-SPA, A BUR-Mar, F Mid-POR.
GERMANY (Bill Quinn): F DEN-Swe, A Kie-HOL, A SIL s Austrian A Vie-GAL.
ITALY (John Koehler): A PIE-Mar, A Apu-TUN, F ION c A Apu-Tun.
RUSSIA (Rich Reed): F BOT-Swe, A STP-Nwy, A WAR h, F Bla-RUM.
TURKEY (Richard Sowter): A BUL-Gre, F Con-AEG, A Smy-CON.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART for winter 1901 adjustments:

A: Home, SER, GRE	5/build 2
E: Home, NWY	4/build 1
F: Home, SPA, POR	5/build 2
G: Home, DEN, HOL	5/build 2
I: Home, TUN	4/build 1
R: Home, RUM	5/build 1
T: Home, BUL	4/build 1

§ Winter adjustments due by next deadline, July 24. Spring 1902 orders due 1 month later. Thereafter seasons will be separated upon two player requests.

§ PRESS--

NAR-SIL: I'm glad that you have agreed to withdraw your noble soldiers from their warlike position on the borders of Mother Russia, thereby saving me from the onerous duty of loosing my savage Cossack hordes on the fine people of your lovely country. Even the thought of armed conflict makes me shudder. The deed itself would make me melt away in tears.

SILESIA: News from the Russian front indicates that the Tsar is on the brink of collapse. Riots in Moscow

go unchecked. Warsaw is an armed camp while Russian influence in the Balkans is virtually non-existent.

PAR-LON: Je regrette entendre à la mort de HM Victoria.

PAR-ROM: Laissez Piedmont! Où vous êtes aller tué!

RCM-PAR: If you don't write to me, how can we be friends? I don't want war, but you seem to leave me no choice.

CON-MOS & VIE: The Sultan apologizes for the sudden termination of peace talks with your respective foreign ministers. In the middle of negotiations he was prostrated by an acute pain between the shoulder blades. The Sultan's physicians say they understand the etiology but the prognosis is not good. An inside source was quoted as saying, "He's a sick old man who has taken to bed and may not get up again."

PAR-CON: Vous n'avez pas peur. Vous vivrez longtemps!!!

MALTA-TURKEY: By the time you read this it will be too late. Austria and Russia will crush you.

RCM-CON: Don't get nervous, you haven't seen my build yet.

ROM-LON: Sorry about the change in plans, see my message to PAR for an explanation of my moves.

LON-CON: I wouldn't trust the beggar as far as I could throw a large bear.

BERLIN: Kaiser Wilhelm was received by cheering crowds in Holland. In a speech he declared that Holland would be forever German.

PAR-VIE: Pourquoi, vous ne m'écrivez jamais.

LON-HORNIES: The following press items were designated "gray" by their submitter. For a truly gray deadline, you should anticipate whether the city or province in question may fall into the hands of one of the powers, thus making it inelegible for gray press.

TUNIS: (Grey Press Bureau) Local government officials today welcomed the landing of Italian forces who were called in to prevent widespread looting. Permanent police housing status has been obtained in the downtown district.

GREECE: (GPB) Crowds cheer Austrian naval presence! Stability restored to Balkans.

RUMANIA: (GPB) Government officials today requested Austrian protection from a feared invasion. In related news, Russian and Turkish troops clashed in a series of border disputes. Other sports, see p.85.

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